Libels are made upon every sermon almost in every town
Lately a gentleman asked an ancient preacher whether it was
more needful to hang up all the preachers in England or all tie
dogs, declaring that if the dogs be hanged much sport would be
lost, but the Bishop of every diocese might make priests again
Every day complaints are made by ministers who are railed on
and shrewdly beaten by lewd persons, in one place a minister
was made to kiss the bare hinder parts of a man Jewism also
aboundeth, twenty factions in one city, many conventicles
held in gardens and fields and sermons preached at midnight,
few or none come to church, but they will follow rattle headed
preachers from town to town There be many times certain
persons who draw people into errors by feigned visions and
revelations

z$rd September THE EARL OF ESSEX'S LETTERS TO THE QUEEN

My Lord of Essex is reported still to be sending submissive
letters to her Majesty and again yesterday saying * If conscience
did not tell me that without imploring your Majesty's goodness
at this time, most dear and most admired Sovereign, I should not
only lose the present support of my poor estate but the hope
of any ability to do your Majesty future service, and not that
alone but the means of satisfying a great number of hungry
and annoying creditors which suffer me in my retired life to
have no rest, I would appear^till before your Majesty as a mute
person But smce this day sennight the lease which I hold by
your Majesty's benevolence expireth, and that farm is both my
chiefest maintenance and mine only means of compounding
with the merchants to whom I am indebted, give me leave, I

humbly beseech your Majesty to suit that canon to yourself
that I received from yourself, your Majesty's courses tend *&i*
*correcttonem non ad ruinam **

z$th September. A SAYING OF THE QUEEN

Of kte the Queen, Mr Bacon being in her company, said that my Lord of Essex had written unto her some very dutiful letters, and that she had been moved by them , and when she took it to be the abundance of his heart, she found it to be but a preparation to a suit for the- renewing of his farm of sweet wines Whereunto Mr Bacon replied, * O Madam, how doth